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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, **August 19, 2012**.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 23**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 21**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 21**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 21**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sentinel Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45' N. latitude, 133°45.35' W. longitude and north of the latitude of Bogert Point at 58°03.89' N. latitude;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 21.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22**, in the waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Seduction Point and in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets south of the terminus of the Chilkoot River.

Section 15-A: will also be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 24**, in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlet north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude to the terminus of the Chilkoot River.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22**, with the following restriction:

Endicott River: Section 15-C will be closed within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude north to a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman.

Section 15-C: Waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area: will close 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Lance Point, south to a point 2.4 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey. The waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area west of a regulatory marker at the entrance to Boat Harbor will remain open until further notice.

Fishermen are advised that the Department will provide a minimum of 6 hours notice before extending openings in Speel Arm to target Snettisham Hatchery sockeye salmon.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department is discontinuing the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6812.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 33 (August 12 through 18)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 16, 2012

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	15	1,000	5,800	22,000	9,000	37,815	28	5
District 6	20	800	5,000	28,500	3,500	37,820	55	3
District 8	20	200	1,500	2,500	1,800	6,020	15	3
District 11	10	9,000	4,000	18,000	4,000	35,010	70	3
District 15	90	15,200	550	39,400	8,400	63,640	50	4
Deep Inlet THA	10	10	10	5,200	41,600	46,830	28	3
Total	165	26,210	16,860	115,600	68,300	227,135		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	1	36	207	786	321	1,351
District 6	0	15	91	518	64	688
District 8	1	13	100	167	120	401
District 11	0	129	57	257	57	500
District 15	2	304	11	788	168	1,273
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	0	186	1,486	1,673

District 15: harvest numbers are for 3 days of fishing.

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